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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT BASED ON FAILURE TO RECEIVE THE NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Notice of Abandonment dated March 10, 2003, Applicant, through counsel of record, respectfully requests that the holding of abandonment for the above-identified Application be withdrawn due to the fact that the Notice to File Missing Parts mailed by the Patent and Trademark Office on February 28, 2001 was not received by Applicant's Attorneys. The facts concerning this matter are as follows.

Upon receipt of mail from the Patent and Trademark Office in this firm, all mail is opened and logged in a daily computer log. The due date is entered in the firm computer docketing system. At the time of entry into the computer, the serial numbers are checked to ensure that the correct docket number appears on the mail so that the documents are entered in the correct application in the computer and matched with the correct application file. Any due dates resulting from the Patent and Trademark Office mail are also entered in the computer.

After receiving the Notice of Abandonment, our computer system was checked. The computer Patent Due Dates section for the subject application did not show a current due date for the Declaration, nor did it show receipt of the Notice to File Missing Parts (see attached computer printout).

The application file was then pulled and the full contents of the file were reviewed. The application file contained no Notice to File Missing Parts. The Patent Office computerized Mail Log was then checked. All mail received from the Patent and Trademark Office is logged in the mail log by serial number or patent number, along with a description of the mail received, on a daily basis. Mail from the Patent Office is generally received by our firm within two or three days of mailing. However, to ensure a complete check, the daily log was checked from February 28, 2001 through March 14, 2001 and found to contain no record of having received the Notice to File Missing Parts for the above-identified application.

It is believed that the above discussion and documents enclosed herewith clearly prove the nonreceipt of the Notice to File Missing Parts and therefore, the holding of abandonment was issued in error.

Accordingly, it is requested that the holding of abandonment be withdrawn and that prosecution be allowed to continue in the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.53 (f) OR (g)

The above-identified application is abandoned for failure to timely or properly reply to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed on 02/28/2001.

No reply was received.

A petition to the Commissioner under 37 CFR 1.137 may be filed requesting that the application be revived.

Under 37 CFR 1.137(a), a petition requesting the application be revived on the grounds of UNAVOIDABLE DELAY must be filed promptly after the applicant becomes aware of the abandonment and such petition must be accompanied by: (1) an adequate showing of the cause of unavoidable delay; (2) the required reply to the aboveidentified Notice; (3) the petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(I); and (4) a terminal disclaimer if required by 37 CFR 1.137(d).

Under 37 CFR 1.137(b), a petition requesting the application be revived on the grounds of UNINTENTIONAL DELAY must be filed promptly after applicant becomes aware of the abandonment and such petition must be accompanied by: (1) a statement that the entire delay was unintentional; (2) the required reply to the aboveidentified Notice; (3) the petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m); and (4) a terminal disclaimer if required by 37 CFR 1.137(d).

Any questions concerning petitions to revive should be directed to "Office of Petitions" at (703) 305-9282.

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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT DATED MARCH 10, 2003 REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT BASED ON FAILURE TO RECEIVE THE NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS

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Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time.

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